



Stillwater County Weed District
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Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2022
2:00 PM
Weed District Office

Approved

Present: Allen Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Norman Moss
Kerry Kovanda
Stephanie Ray- Economic Development
Dana Weatherford

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Chairman, Allen Nordahl.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): 9-29-21 Meeting Minutes

Bob Kirch moved to approve the meeting minutes for the September 29, 2021 meeting as read. Norm Moss second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

The Stillwater County Weed District moved all their spray equipment and the remaining chemical inventory to the current Road and Bridge facility on November 1, 2021. The lease with R & G Storage was terminated by the BOCC at the October 26th regular agenda meeting to be out of the storage unit on December 1, 2021.

New Business:

Weed District Building Update with Stillwater County Planning Dept. & Engineering

Stephanie Ray gave a thorough explanation of the projects that were going to be performed at the Road and Bridge campus including what was going to occur to the new proposed weed district office and weed district shop space at the current Road and Bridge building. In addition to the project plans, project figures were presented. The proposed costs included overall Weed District costs, general condition costs, and 25% of the wash bay costs.



Weed District Building Funding Approval:

- **Weed District office/shop improvement costs**
 - The overall Weed District cost for office and shop improvements are \$82,781.27.
- **Weed District contributions to on-sight wash bay/fill up station costs**
 - The Weed Districts proposed costs to fund 25% of the wash bay/fill up station are \$80,117.95. The total wash bay/fill up station projects cost are \$320,471.81.
- **Weed District contributions to general conditions costs**
 - The general condition cost presented to Weed Board are \$26,349.01.
 - The total costs of all three enterprises are \$189, 248.23.

○ **Weed District Building Intercap loan discussion and approval**

There was lengthy discussion based on how to fund the projects. Chairman, Allen Nordahl, called for a motion. Kerry Kovanda moved to approve the total of the three enterprises for a total of \$189, 248.23.

The saved capital improvement funds are to be exhausted at the current amount of \$120,100.00. An intercap loan will be taken out to fund the remaining \$69,148.23 with the idea the overall operating Weed District budget will not change. Bob Kirch second. Motion passed unanimously.

○ **2021 spray season report**

Dana Weatherford presented the Board with the 2021 spray season report. The report entailed the total chemical and labor costs correlated to agency spraying contracts and county roadside treatments.

Coordinator Report: Dana Weatherford reminded the Board that the MATE show will be happening on February 17-19 in Billings. The South-Central education trailer will be there with representation from the Stillwater County Weed Coordinator. Dana was elected in February as the South-Central Area representative for the Montana Weed Control Association. Also, Dana was appointed by the head of the Montana Department of Agriculture, as a voting council member to serve on the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund Advisory Council, to help award noxious weed trust fund grants. Grant hearings will be held from March 7-11 in Helena. Dana stated the pay matrix will be addressed at the department head meeting on February 17. Dana will report back to the Board about necessary pay matrix updates.

Public Comment: None

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Kerry Kovanda moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kirch seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.